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said emission face is provided with a plurality of light scattering elements distributed according to a predetermined pattern,

said emission face having a rough area formed on and around said light scattering elements such that the light scattering elements and an area surrounding the light scattering elements are roughened, and

said rough area having a roughness degree which is less than that of said light scattering elements.

4. (TWICE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display including a liquid crystal display panel and a surface light source device of side light type for backlighting the liquid crystal display panel, said surface light source device comprising:

a guide plate having a minor face to provide an incidence end face and two major faces to provide an emission face and a back face; and

a primary light source providing primary light to the guide plate through the incidence end face, wherein

said emission face is provided with a plurality of light scattering elements distributed according to a predetermined pattern,

said emission face having a rough area formed on and around said light scattering elements such that the light scattering elements and an area surrounding the light scattering elements are roughened, and

said rough area having a roughness degree which is less than that of said light scattering elements.

7. (TWICE AMENDED) A guide plate of a surface light source device of side light type, comprising:

a minor face to provide an incidence end face for introducing light into the guide plate; and

two major faces to provide an emission face for emitting light and a back face opposite said emission face, wherein